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REAR ADMIRAL AJIT KUMAR TAKES OVER AS EASTERN FLEET COMMANDER



Rear Admiral HCS Bisht, AVSM, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, handed over the command of the Eastern Fleet after more than 15 months at the helm, to Rear Admiral Ajit Kumar P, VSM. The change of guard took place at an impressive ceremony held on 30 Apr 12 onboard the Flag Ship INS Jalashwa.

Rear Admiral Ajit Kumar P, VSM, commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 July 1981, is a specialist in Surface Warfare. A graduate of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, he has attended the Naval Higher Command Course at the College of Naval Warfare, Karanja, Mumbai. The Admiral is also a post graduate in Defence and Strategic Studies and has attended a post graduate diploma course in Strategy and Policy at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, USA.

In a career spanning over 31 years in the Indian Navy, the Flag Officer has held various prestigious operational and staff appointments both at sea and ashore. He has the distinction of having commanded six different class / type of ships that include commissioning of the indigenous Missile Corvette INS Kulish. He has also commanded stealth frigate INS Talwar, indigenous Guided Missile Destroyers INS Mumbai and INS Mysore. His key staff appointments include Assistant Chief of Personnel (Human Resource Development) at the Integrated Headquarters, Ministry of Defence (Navy) and Chief Staff Officer (Operations), Western Naval Command. Rear Admiral Ajit Kumar was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal in 2006 by the President of India for dedicated service to the nation.